

2 Maccabees 7



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1382 Wycliffe (handwritten in Middle
English) Bible versions.

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7=1 It came to
pass also, that
seven brethren
with their
mother were
taken, and

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**compelled by
the king
against the law
to taste swine's
flesh, and were
tormented with
scourges and
whips.**

**7:2 But one
of them that
spake first said**

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**thus, What
wouldest thou
ask or learn of
us? we are
ready to die,
rather than to
transgress the
laws of our
fathers.**

7=3 Then the
king, being in

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a rage,
commanded
pans and
caldrons to be
made hot:
7=4 Which
forthwith being
heated, he
commanded to
cut out the
tongue of him

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**that spake first,
and to cut off
the utmost
parts of his
body, the rest
of his brethren
and his mother
looking on.**

7:5 Now when
he was thus
maimed in all

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**his members,
he commanded
him being yet
alive to be
brought to the
fire, and to be
fried in the pan:
and as the
vapour of the
pan was for a
good space**

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**dispersed, they
exhorted one
another with
the mother to
die manfully,
saying thus,
7:6 The Lord
God looketh
upon us, and in
truth hath
comfort in us,**

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**as Moses in his
song, which
witnessed to
their faces,
declared,
saying, And
he shall be
comforted in
his servants.**

7:7 So when
the first was

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**dead after this
number, they
brought the
second to
make him a
mocking stock:
and when they
had pulled off
the skin of his
head with the
hair, they**

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**asked him, Wilt
thou eat,
before thou be
punished
throughout
every member
of thy body?**

**7=8 But he
answered in his
own language,
and said, No.**

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**Wherefore he
also received
the next
torment in
order, as the
former did.**

**7=9 And when
he was at the
last gasp, he
said, Thou like
a fury takest us**

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out of this
present life, but
the King of the
world shall
raise us up,
who have died
for his laws,
unto
everlasting life.

7:10 After him
was the third

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**made a
mocking stock:
and when he
was required,
he put out his
tongue, and
that right soon,
holding forth
his hands
manfully.**

7=11 And said

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**courageously,
These I had
from heaven;
and for his
laws I despise
them; and from
him I hope to
receive them
again.**

7:12 Inasmuch
that the king,

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**and they that
were with him,
marvelled at
the young
man's courage,
for that he
nothing
regarded
the pains.**

7: 13 Now when
this man was

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dead also, they
tormented and
mangled the
fourth in like
manner.

7:14 So when
he was
ready
to die he
said thus, It
is good,
being put to

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**death by
men, to look
for hope
from God to
be raised up
again by
him:
as for thee,
thou shalt
have no
resurrection
to life.**

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7: 15 Afterward
they brought
the fifth also,
and mangled
him.

7: 16 Then
looked he unto
the king, and
said, Thou hast
power over
men, thou art

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**corruptible,
thou doest
what thou wilt;
yet think not
that our nation
is forsaken of
God;**

**7: 17 But abide
a while, and
behold his
great power,**

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**how he will
torment thee
and thy seed.**

7: 18 After him
also they
brought the
sixth, who
being ready to
die said, Be not
deceived
without cause:

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**for we suffer
these things for
ourselves,
having sinned
against our
God: therefore
marvellous
things are done
unto us.**

7: 19 But think
not thou, that

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**takest in hand
to strive
against God,
that thou shalt
escape
unpunished.**

**7:20 But the
mother was
marvellous
above all, and
worthy of**

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**honourable
memory: for
when she saw
her seven sons
slain within the
space of one
day, she bare it
with a good
courage,
because of the
hope that she**

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had in the Lord.

7:21 Yea, she
exhorted every
one of them in
her own
language, filled
with
courageous
spirits; and
stirring up her
womanish

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thoughts with a
manly
stomach, she
said unto them,
7: **22** I cannot
tell how ye
came into my
womb: for I
neither gave
you breath nor
life, neither was

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it I that formed
the members of
every one of
you;

7:23 But
doubtless the
Creator of the
world, who
formed the
generation of
man, and found

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**out the
beginning of all
things,
will also of his
own mercy
give you
breath and
life again, as
ye now regard
not**

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**your own
selves for
his laws' sake.**

7:24 Now
Antiochus,
thinking
himself
despised, and
suspecting it to
be a
reproachful

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**speech, whilst
the youngest
was yet alive,
did not only
exhort him by
words, but also
assured him
with oaths, that
he would make
him both a rich
and a happy**

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**man, if he
would turn
from the laws
of his fathers;
and that also
he would take
him for his
friend, and
trust him with
affairs.**

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7:25 But when the young man would in no case hearken unto him, the king called his mother, and exhorted her that she would counsel the

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**young man to
save his life.**

7:26 And when
he had
exhorted her
with many
words, she
promised him
that she would
counsel her
son.

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7:27 But she
bowing herself
toward him,
laughing the
cruel tyrant to
scorn, spake in
her country
language on
this manner; O
my son, have
pity upon me

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**that bare thee
nine months in
my womb, and
gave thee such
three years,
and nourished
thee, and
brought thee
up unto this
age, and
endured the**

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**troubles of
education.**

7:28 I beseech
thee, my son,
look upon the
heaven and the
earth, and all
that is therein,
and consider
that God made
them of things

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**that were not;
and so was
mankind made
likewise.**

7:29 **Fear not
this tormentor,
but, being
worthy of thy
brethren, take
thy death that I
may receive**

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**thee again in
mercy with thy
brethren.**

7:30 While
she was yet
speaking these
words, the
young man
said, Whom
wait ye for? I
will not obey

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**the king's
commandment:
but I will obey
the
commandment
of the law that
was given unto
our fathers by
Moses.**

7:31 And thou,
that hast been

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**the author of all
mischief
against the
Hebrews, shalt
not escape the
hands of God.**

7=32 For we
suffer because
of our sins.

7=33 And
though the

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living Lord be
angry with us a
little while for
our chastening
and correction,
yet shall he be
at one again
with his
servants.

7=34 But thou,
O godless man,

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**and of all other
most wicked,
be not lifted up
without a
cause, nor
puffed up with
uncertain
hopes, lifting
up thy hand
against the**

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**servants of
God:**

7:35 For thou
hast not yet
escaped the
judgment of
Almighty God,
who seeth all
things.

7:36 For our
brethren, who

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**now have
suffered a
short pain, are
dead under
God's covenant
of everlasting
life: but thou,
through the
judgment of
God, shalt
receive just**

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**punishment for
thy pride.**

7:37 But I, as
my brethren,
offer up my
body and life
for the laws of
our fathers,
beseeching
God that he
would speedily

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**be merciful
unto our
nation; and that
thou by
torments and
plagues mayest
confess, that
he alone is
God;**

7:38 And that
in me and

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**my brethren
the wrath
of the
Almighty,
which is justly
brought upon
our nation, may
cease.**

7:39 **Than the
king' being**

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**in a rage,
handed him
worse than all
the rest, and
took
it grievously
that he was
mocked.**

7=40 So this
man died
undefiled, and

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put his whole
trust in the
Lord.

7:41 Last of all
after the sons
the mother
died.

7:42 Let this
be enough now
to have spoken
concerning the

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**idolatrous
feasts, and the
extreme
tortures.**



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